GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Improvement of Road Infrastructure in Hilly Areas
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken/ proposes to take any initiative to improve road infrastructure to promote pilgrimage tourism in hilly areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the funds earmarked/allocated/spent during each of the last three years;

(c) whether the Government proposes to construct/widen all National Highways in Himalayan/trans-Himalayan region; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the funds earmarked/allocated/spent during each of the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
(SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) to (d) The Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs) network in India through its implementing agencies like National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), Border Roads Organization (BRO), National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) and respective State PWDs. The development and maintenance of NHs is a continuous process. The works on NHs, including the NHs in hilly States to promote pilgrimage tourism, are accordingly taken up as per available resources, inter-se priority and traffic density to keep the NHs in traffic worthy conditions.

The Ministry has taken up detailed review of NHs network with a view to develop the road connectivity to Border areas and hilly States including connectivity Improvement Program for Char-Dham (Kedarnath, Badrinath, Yamunothri & Gangotri in Uttarakhand) etc. The details of the funds earmarked/allocated/spent during each of the last three years State wise is at Annexure.